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For Opinion Shapers and Policy Makers

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Protecting the American Taxpayer By Raising Taxes?

On Tuesday, millions of Americans lined up at post offices around the country to file their 2006 income tax returns. To mark the occasion, the House approved legislation designed to protect hardworking American taxpayers against fraudulent activity. Under the Taxpayer Protection Act, the IRS would be required to notify taxpayers of potential identity theft and take increased steps to prevent Internet “phishing” scams. Taxpayers would also be provided with more time to collect money wrongfully levied by the IRS. Congressman Miller supported the bill, but he remains deeply concerned about a Democratic proposal that would allow the tax cuts of recent years to expire. Thanks to much-needed tax relief, the American economy has experienced nearly four straight years of growth and generated 7.5 million new jobs. By comparison, with a cost to taxpayers of almost \$400 billion, the Democratic proposal amounts to the largest tax increase in American history.

House Approves Water and Flood Control Funds for Southern California

Congressman Miller on Thursday joined his House colleagues in passing the Water Resources Development Act to authorize funding for the Army Corps of Engineers. This important bill authorizes much needed funding for important flood control, shoreline protection, inland navigation, and environmental restoration projects. In the 42nd District, this bill authorizes \$35 million in funding to help communities plan for and construct water and waste water infrastructure projects. As a member of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Congressman Miller will continue to advocate for strong water infrastructure policies and funding to ensure our communities have adequate flood protection and have the resources they need to bring their wastewater infrastructure up to federal standards. The Water Resources Development Act passed by a vote of 394-25. It now awaits consideration by the Senate.

Congressman Miller Urges Deportation for Illegals Caught Driving Drunk

In March, two young girls were tragically killed in Virginia Beach by an illegal alien drunk driver who had been previously convicted of three alcohol-related offenses. Because the local police department did not share immigration information with the Department of Homeland Security, this illegal alien was wrongly set free several times before he tragically took the lives of innocent victims. Had he simply been turned over to federal authorities after his first arrest, this unfortunate incident would never have happened. To help prevent this sort of tragedy in the future, Congressman Miller this week cosponsored a bill that would require local law enforcement to collect and share immigration information with the federal government. Any illegal alien charged with drunk driving would be subject to mandatory deportation.

Applications Sought for U.S. Military Service Academies - Class of 2012

Congressman Miler is now seeking applications from qualified high school students who wish to attend a service academy. Each year, Congressman Miller has the opportunity to nominate a select group of high school students to attend one of five U.S. military service academies. Although securing a recommendation from Congressman Miller is highly competitive, those selected have the opportunity to attend a top rated college free of charge in exchange for military service following graduation. All graduating military students are commissioned as officers in their respective branch of service. To learn more about the service academies, please contact Congressman Miller’s Service Academy Coordinator at (714) 257-1142.